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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO MIDDLE EAST: VISIT TO QATAR

REF: DOHA 0119, STATE 29375

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE REFTEL, AND AFTER CONSULTING WITH MITCHELL, ON FEB 7 AMBASSADOR PROPOSED ROCKEFELLER CALL ON AMIR AT 1600 HRS FEB 25 TO AMIR'S OFFICE DIRECTOR ISSA AL KAWARI. KAWARI REPLIED THAT AMIR WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN HIS OFFICE ON AFTERNOON OF FEB 25 AND SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE OF MORNING CALL ON FEB 25 BEFORE 1000 HRS. (GOQ CABINET MEETS REGULARLY ON WEDNESDAYS AT 1000 HRS.) KAWARI'S PROPOSAL OF CALL ON AMIR MORNING OF FEB 25 IN LINE WITH SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN DOHA REFTEL.

2. LATER ON FEB 7 MITCHELL MET WITH KAWARI TO TRY AND NAIL DOWN FIRM APPOINTMENT WITH AMIR FOR ROCKEFELLER. RESULT OF MEETING, ACCORDING MITCHELL, IS THAT HE IS SUGGESTING TO CHASE NEW YORK THAT ROCKEFELLER COME TO DOHA ON MORNING OF FEB 26 INSTEAD, FOR 1000 HRS MEETING WITH AMIR, AND KAWARI HAS CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT FOR THAT TIME. MITCHELL SAYS THAT FEB 26 VISIT WILL INVOLVE CALL ON AMIR AND PERHAPS CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM IF TIME PERMITS, WITH ROCKEFELLER AND PARTY DEPARTING AT ABOUT NOON, SO THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH FUNCTION. MITCHELL SAYS THIS SUGGESTION WILL INVOLVE RESHUFFLING OF ROCKEFELLER'S SCHEDULE IN UAE, BUT THAT HE HAS CONSULTED WITH NEMIR KIRDAR BY TELEX AND PHONE, AND THAT

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KIRDAR HAS SAID THAT HE CAN REARRANGE THINGS SATISFACTORILY,

AND HAS AGREED TO THIS CHANGE. IT IS APPARENTLY UP TO ROOSEVELT/CHASE NEW YORK TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TO THIS ARRANGEMENT.

3. COMMENT: ALL CONCERNED AGREE THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF ROCKEFELLER VISIT IS TO MEET WITH AMIR AND, THEREFORE, FEB 26 PROPOSAL HOPEFULLY WILL BE SATISFACTORY. WE HAVE WORKED WITH MITCHELL AND GOQ TO ASSURE THAT ROCKEFELLER SEES AMIR, BUT BELIEVE DETAILS OF HOW AND WHEN HE DOES THIS SHOULD BE CHASE'S BABY. MITCHELL AND KAWARI HAVE SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANY ROCKEFELLER DURING CALL ON AMIR. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO SO SUBJECT TO ROCKEFELLER'S CONCURRENCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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